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Docket No.: 31014/41515  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Goulet et al.

Application No.: 09/990,320

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Art Unit: 3738

For: CONNECTIVE TISSUE SUBSTITUTES,  
METHOD OF PREPARATION AND USES  
THEREOF

Examiner: Christopher D. Prone

**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is a petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the priority benefit of a prior-filed provisional patent application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(5) and (a)(6), this petition is accompanied by the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §119(e), the surcharge set forth in §1.17(t), and the required statement.

With regard to §1.78(6)(iii), the Applicants' undersigned representative states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due, March 24, 2002, under paragraph (a)(5)(ii), and this date upon which the claim is filed, was unintentional.

With respect to §1.78(6)(i), the reference is provided herewith in the form of an amendment to the specification. The amendment adds a cross-reference to related prior-filed Provisional Application Serial Number 60/252,588, which was filed on November 24, 2000. Regarding §1.78(6)(ii) a check in the amount of \$1370, as required by §1.17(t), is enclosed with this petition.

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The Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) be accepted.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge and deficiency in the fee filed or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Dated: November 23, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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